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### LARGE-SCALE HEROIN DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION WARRANTS AND ARRESTS

The Counter Narcotics Alliance, working as part of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative, concluded a large-scale investigation into a Drug Trafficking Organization that was directly responsible for a large amount of **heroin** in the Tucson Metropolitan area. The Counter Narcotics Alliance is a collaborative investigative group made up of personnel from the Tucson Police Department, the Pima County Sheriff's Department, the Arizona Department of Public Safety, the Marana Police Department, the Oro Valley Police Department, the University of Arizona Police Department, the Sahuarita Police Department, and Border Patrol. The investigation initiated on June 1, 2011 and was brought to a close on February 16, 2012. During the course of the seven and a half months, Counter Narcotics Alliance investigative personnel and undercover operatives identified not only high-volume suppliers of heroin in the Tucson area, but also a primary source of the heroin entering the United States from Mexico. This heroin was ultimately distributed throughout the Tucson area. On February 15, 2012 and February 16, 2012, the culmination of the investigation included the **service of seven search warrants** at various locations throughout the Tucson area and **15 individuals apprehended and arrested for various narcotics-related charges**. In addition, a total of **nine and a half pounds of pure heroin** was recovered, with an **estimated street value of up to \$8 million dollars**, keeping it off the streets of Tucson.

The names and photographs of each arrestee, with the exception of a juvenile arrestee that was released to his parent upon arrest, are included below. The juvenile arrestee was Josue Rodriguez, 16-years of age (no photo available). Each was charged with narcotics-related charges specifically relating to the **sale of narcotics, the transportation of narcotics, and the distribution of narcotics** as well as for their **participation in a criminal syndicate, all felony offenses**. Counter Narcotics Alliance personnel continue efforts to locate and apprehend additional members of the drug trafficking ring that were involved in this large-scale operation. Anyone with information about the investigation or whereabouts of these individuals is urged to call **911 or 88-Crime**.

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Pablo Hernandez-Olivarria  
19-years old



Gabrielle Hall  
22-years old



Marco Rubio  
20-years old



Alfredo Olivas  
24-years old



Alejandro Hermosillo-Martinez  
50-years old



Feliciano Arredondo-Garcia  
34-years old

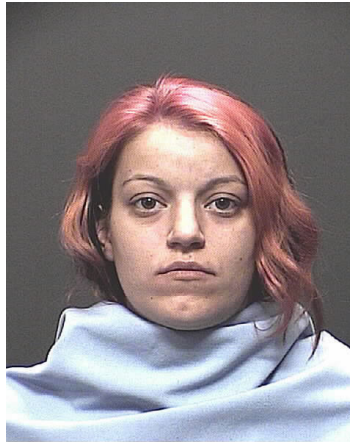


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Samuel Falcon  
29-years old



Erin Burt  
23-years old



Alma Corral-Rubio  
44-years old



Keith Pratt  
26-years old



Christian Francies  
21-years old



Juan Figueroa  
18-years old





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Antonio Macias  
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Mauro Zavala  
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